

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we conclude today's proceedings, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all participants of 30th Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services and EuroPris 14th Annual General Meeting.

It is a great honour for Poland and Polish Prison Service to have hosted this important event.

Your presence in Krakow is not only a sign of trust but also confirmation of our country's growing role on the European prison map. Thanks to your presence, this event has become a space for inspiring meetings, new ideas and fruitful contacts.

As the Polish Prison Service, we are grateful for your trust and the time we spent together – it was your energy and openness that made the conference such a great success.

The meetings and discussions we have participated in have shown that, despite our different experiences to date, we share a common goal - to build a modern, effective and humane penitentiary system that ensures the safety of society, respects human rights and gives convicts a real chance to return to a responsible life in society.

By being active in the structures of EuroPris and the Council of Europe, we can not only benefit from the best international practices, but also share our own solutions: innovative social rehabilitation programmes, digitisation projects and infrastructure modernisation. The mutual learning and cooperation makes our prison systems stronger and more resilient to the challenges of the future.

On behalf of the Polish Prison Service, I would like to thank you for your inspiring speeches, constructive discussions and openness to exchange experiences. I am convinced that the fruits of the conference will be visible not only in our institutions but above all in the quality of European penitentiary policy.

See you at future meetings, which I believe will continue this important joint mission.

Thank you